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1. the restricted area in the west portion of the former Heilanstalt (insane asylum) in Wuhlgarten was occupied by about 1,000 to 2,000 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Fifty tanks and the motor pool previously observed there were in the quartering area. Ten 500-liter tanks, presumably for fuel, were seen. Tanks at driving practice were observed during the preceding days.

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2. the Wuhlheide cantonment, south of the Karlshorst racecourse, was occupied as previously by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 50 trucks, 7 BA-64 armored scout cars and about 5 van-like trucks, including 3 radio trucks with rod antennas, were seen in the barracks area. that 10 one-story temporary buildings, which were vehicle sheds, had been completed. about 80 to 100 officers were daily seen leaving the

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3. that the former depot for captured materiel in Johannisthal, opposite the new KVP Kaserne between Grossberliner Damm and the Schoeneweide operational railroad station, was occupied. About 10 to 12 trucks were continually observed in the yard of the installation. On the installation was occupied by not more than 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.

4. the Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. Seven more large wooden one-story buildings were being erected in the west portion of the installation. about 60 troops were erecting dummy houses and wire obstacles and digging trenches in the west portion of the installation. 6 BA-64 armored scout cars, 18 armored half-track personnel carriers and about 4 trucks in the barracks area.

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[redacted] Between 20 and 23 October, 100 to 120 troops with full field pack almost daily engage in advanced combat practice in the training area west of the elevated railroad line between the racecourse and Wuhlheide. The exercises included assault against trench positions, buildings and wire obstacles and close combat practice with fixed bayonets. The troops subsequently left for the Wuhlheide cantonment. 25X1

5. [redacted] the Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied as previously. Ten new one-story temporary buildings had been completed [redacted] 25X1

6. [redacted] the restricted area in the west portion of the Wuhlgarten Heilenstalt was occupied. [redacted] observe any training in the tank training area. [redacted] that the detached buildings between Globower Weg-Erbhof Weg, Gersten Weg, and Sensen Pfad were being occupied by officers with dependents. Billeting equipment was being unloaded. [redacted] that a telephone line extended from the east side of the quartering area southeastward as far as the building at 30 Chemnitzer Strasse. This building was surrounded by a board fence and guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun.¹ 25X1

7. [redacted] the cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied. Sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] about 20 tanks were lined up in the quartering area. [redacted] about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the camp for the Soviet-occupied residential quarters between Treskow Allee, the elevated railroad line to Rummelsburg, Wuhlheide and Rolandseck. [redacted] about 5 tanks, about 10 trucks, mounting AA machine guns and about 8 AA guns left the cantonment area. 25X1

1. [redacted] the west portion of the Wuhlgarten Heilenstalt is occupied as previously by elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. The number of 50 tanks tends to indicate that, in addition to a mechanized regiment carried there, elements of the 93d Tank Regt may also be stationed there. According to previous report, the tanks are sheltered under newly-erected lean-to roofs south and east of the cemetery in the northwest corner of the installation area. [redacted] 25X1

2. Comment. [redacted] the Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse can be carried occupied as previously by elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, presumably a mechanized regiment. According to previous reports, the Wuhlheide Volkspark adjoining the racecourse to the southwest which had been surrounded by a board fence and had been attached to the cantonment, served as quartering area for these elements. The new one-story temporary buildings mentioned and, presumably, tank sheds are being erected in this area. [redacted] As is also indicated by the black-bordered black epaulets observed in the Wuhlgarten Heilenstalt engineer soldiers are presumably employed in the construction work in the two in-stallations. 25X1

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